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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN PRESS REPORT FORMATION OF NEW RHODESIAN PARTY

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1. ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL AUGUST 6 CARRIED UNDATED ARTICLE, CAPTIONED FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN SALISBURY, ANNOUNCING FORMATION OF NEW RHODESIAN PARTY, ZIMBABWE REFORMED AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS. NEW GROUP'S FORMATION ANNOUNCED BY ITS CURRENT LEADER, DANIEL GURAJANA. PART TO BE LED BY 12-MAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, INCLUDING ROBERT MUGABE, EDSON ZVOBGO, AND MICHAEL MAWEMA. OTHER NINE MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER. PARTY COMPRISED OF A BREAK-AWAY FACTION OF ANC (MUZOREWA) ZANU MEMBERS. CORRUPTION, EMBEZZLEMENT, TRICKERY AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICES OF MUZOREWA GROUP CITED AS JUSTIFICATION FOR FORMATION OF NEW GROUP. GURAJANA WAS QUOTED AS IDENTIFYING

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LEADER OF NEW PARTY ONLY AS FORMER ZANU EXECUTIVE, CURRENTLY

OUT OF COUNTRY; SOURCES CLOSE TO NEW PARTY SAID ROBERT MUGABE, FORMER ZANU SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD BE LEADER. SINCE MANY FORMER ZANU MEMBERS DROPPED IN RECENT RESHUFFLE WITHIN MUZOREWA RANKS, MUZOREWA NOW LEFT ONLY WITH FORMER FROLIZI ADHERENTS.

2. DAILY MAIL IN ACCOMPANYING EDITORIAL STRONGLY CRITICIZED FORMATION OF NEW PARTY A REACTION UNDOUBTEDLY SHARED BY GRZ. FORMATION OF NEW PARTY CALLED A DISSERVICE NOT ONLY TO PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, BUT TO PEOPLE OF AFRICA AS A WHOLE. PRINCIPAL DANGERS OF NEW PARTY SEEN AS SPLITTING MASSES OF ZIMBABWE AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS FROM TOP TO BOTTOM AS WELL AS REKINDLING FIRES OF TRIBALISM FURTHER WEAKENING ZIMBABWEAN UNITY. EDITORIAL ENDS WITH CALL FOR ABANDONMENT OF THIS MAD VENTURE WHICH BOUND TO BACK-FIRE.
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